



Westfield Academy

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Dear all,

Unusually at February half term I went abroad for a few days for some sun with my family. It was lovely; I came back to school on the Monday refreshed and ready for work. Then at 12.30pm OFSTED phoned to say they were coming at 8am the next day.

To be honest it was not a problem. We have been due another inspection since November 2015 so we were ready. We did not panic; staff just got themselves ready for the next day. With that little notice you can prepare, but not panic, my mantra to the staff is to be a *shinier version* of your normal self. Almost like your mum is visiting.

It is an odd experience being inspected. As the Head you almost have to sit on your hands as they walk round making judgements. My favourite bit was when the Lead Inspector told me that he had seen some excellent RE books. When I asked which lesson it was in he said 'Oh no it wasn't in a lesson, I just walked into an empty classroom and looked through them'. This is the level of scrutiny they gave us. Above all they loved looking at the quality of work, challenge and presentation in books.

Please read the report, it is a good reflection of where we are as a school. We have made real progress since the last inspection in 2012 and this is reflected in the report. What I think is so important for us is that we maintained a Good judgement and that we demonstrated that we are constantly improving. In the past we have fluctuated;

2006; **Good**
2010; **Satisfactory**
2012; **Good**
2016; **Good**.

What I would like to do is to formally thank all the staff and students for all their hardwork and commitment during this period as the report is a reflection of all their efforts and hardwork.

Yours sincerely

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